

Docket Number 06-SPPE-1
First Round Data Requests
Niland Gas Turbine Plant
April 2006

DATA REQUEST #4
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

BACKGROUND

The SPPE application includes consultation letters from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Appendix E) discussing federally listed species that may occur in the general project area. Staff could not find any documentation that describes communication with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) regarding the state listed species that may occur in the project area.

DATA REQUEST

4. Please provide any supporting documents (letter or record of conversation) that resulted from communication with CDFG regarding potential impacts to state protected species. Include contact information for the CDFG staff consulted.

DATA RESPONSE

4. On behalf of IID, URS had a brief telephone conversation with Mr. Jim Sheridan, an environmental scientist at the CDFG's Bermuda Dunes, CA, office, on or around February 5, 2006. As agreed in the conversation, URS immediately followed up with an informational letter dated February 6, 2006 (see attachment BIO-1, CDFG Letter) to CDFG introducing them to the Project, and offering the opportunity to comment or request further information regarding the Project. To date, no response has been received. Note that during the course of the biological analysis of the Project, URS' Biological Resource specialist conducted a review of the CDFG's California Natural Diversity Database.